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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Gautsch and Brolaski Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned Examiner: Unassigned  
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE RAPID ISOLATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACIDS

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the Divisional application filed herewith, entry of the amendments and consideration of the application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10</b></p> <p>“EXPRESS MAIL” Mailing Label Number: <u>EV 318 739 872 US</u></p> <p>Date of Deposit: <u>August 28, 2003</u></p>	
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<p><u><i>Mary E. Quinn</i></u>  <i>(Signature)</i> <span style="float: right;"><u>August 28, 2003</u>  <i>(Date)</i></span></p>	